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THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA,  
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

FABIO KRISHNA PERIERA, PRO SE,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CREATIVE ARTISTS AGENCY,  
INTERNATIONAL CREATIVE MANAGEMENT,  
UNITED TALENT AGENCY,  
RICHARD LOVETT, PRESIDENT, CAA  
ASHLEY HASZ, CHRIS LAWSON

Defendants

) Case No.: 1:16cv1220 LMB/JFA  
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) Petition for relief from  
) violations of:  
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) 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment;  
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) 42 U.S.C. 1983;  
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) 42 U.S.C. 1985(3);

18 U.S.C. 373, 1030, 1029, 1117,  
1362, 1831, 1832, 2511(1), and 2701;

Commonwealth of Virginia Civil Code  
§ 18.2-22;

Commonwealth of Virginia Civil Code  
§ 18.2-152.2;

Commonwealth of Virginia Civil Code  
§ 18.2-152.4;

Commonwealth of Virginia Civil Code  
§ 18.2-186.3;

Commonwealth of Virginia Civil Code  
§ 18.2-386.2;

Intentional Infliction of Emotional  
Distress, 280 Va. 670 (1989).

**Question Presented**

Does a private entity, not operating as an agent of the State, have the  
right to continue surveillance of a private person, who may be operating as  
an agent of the State under color of law, after a business relationship has

1 been ended and the now harassing private entity has been formally requested  
2 to cease surveillance-based interference?

3 **Facts**

4 The Plaintiff, Fabio Krishna Periera, was until October 3, 2016, a  
5 resident of the State of New York who during the time period this case  
6 concerns had business in Washington, DC metropolitan area. He is now living  
7 in the United Kingdom and studying for an LLM in International Economic Law,  
8 Justice and Development. His current physical address is 175 West 137 Street  
9 #304, New York, NY 10030.

10 The principal Defendant, Creative Artists Agency, a Delaware  
11 corporation, is headquartered at 2000 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA  
12 90067. International Creative Management, an employment agency, is  
13 headquartered at 10250 Constellation Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90067. United  
14 Talent Agency, an employment agency, is headquartered at 9336 Civic Center  
15 Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. William Morris Endeavor, an employment  
16 agency, is headquartered at 9601 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA  
17 901210.

18 The Plaintiff acknowledges that due to the centrality of 1983 statute  
19 violations via the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and the character of the  
20 Defendant's statements, it is difficult to ascertain whether Richard Lovett,  
21 CAA's President and CAA employees acted alone or in coordination with the  
22 other named defendants.

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24 Cause of Action: 15 U.S. Code § 1, 3, 6, & 6a; Commonwealth of Virginia  
25 Civil Code § 18.2-22

26 As industry practices vary between entertainment and international  
27 affairs, the matter before the court is best framed within the context that  
28 *Craigslist v. 3taps* [942 F.Supp.2d (N.D. Cal. 2013)] provides, a case in

1 which the Plaintiff sought to block the Defendant's aggregation of data and  
2 was requested to cease and desist. Craigslist, after trying to use an IP  
3 address blocker (to stop 3taps' computers from accessing their website)  
4 eventually was forced to seek judicial relief where 3taps was found guilty of  
5 violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

6 Three entertainment industry-specific terms are relevant here: the  
7 first is 'hip-pocketing,' when an employment agency decides to informally  
8 represent a client's entertainment career in the hope of the client  
9 succeeding independent of any real assistance; the employment agency would  
10 then seek to make the relationship official. The second is 'back-pocketing,'  
11 when an employment agency falsely represents their intention to a given  
12 informal client in the hope that, through their own actions, the client's  
13 career will be crushed.

14 Another term is relevant here: agenting. A subset of employees in the  
15 Defendant's business are called 'talent agents,' a sales profession that  
16 encourages its young employees to do things like open other people's mail.  
17 Thus, the term 'agenting' takes on an intentional implicature which helps to  
18 explain why, for instance, the California Department of Labor's registry of  
19 talent agents does not display the names of many of the industry's well-known  
20 'talent agents.' Larger employment agencies like the Defendant employ vast  
21 numbers of individuals who, though they perform the functions of a California  
22 labor code professional classification, do not appear on the registry of  
23 talent agents.

24 A review of industry-specific literature (*The Mailroom* by David Rensin,  
25 *Ovitz* by Robert Slater and, *Power to Burn* by Stephen Singular) makes clear  
26 that agenting is a practice that has evolved with the times. As a Delaware  
27 corporation that also possesses a large marketing agency, the Defendants  
28 talent agents would not only have established relationships with nearly every

1 corner of the entertainment industry but would also have access to large  
2 stores of marketing data used by global marketing firms to fine tune their  
3 communications in different socioeconomic groups. Thus, the use of data  
4 obtained from for-profit third party data aggregators in the operation of its  
5 talent agent line item and the manipulation of that data to serve the  
6 interests of talent agent clients, including those hip-pocketed and back-  
7 pocketed. *Bollea v. Gawker* drives home the point: a talent agent and several  
8 other media executives conspired to cause economic damage and emotional  
9 distress to that Plaintiff. Gawker Media benefitted from the agenting wrought  
10 on Mr. Bollea, actions that amounted to 'back-pocketing clients,' which that  
11 case, which is currently being appealed, finds to be an illegal practice  
12 [*Bollea v. Gawker Media et al.*, Sixth Circuit Court of Florida, Case No:  
13 1201447-CI-011].  
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15 On June 11, 2010, the Plaintiff began a business relationship with  
16 Creative Artists Agency, (CAA) the principal Defendant, an employment agency  
17 based in Los Angeles, California that offers a variety of services to  
18 creative professionals, primarily in the motion picture arts industry. Ashley  
19 Hasz, who initially introduced herself to the Plaintiff as an 'independent  
20 producer' advised the Plaintiff on matters related to his screenwriting and  
21 acting career, his relationship to Chris Lawson, an executive of the  
22 principal Defendant, and made overtures of friendship that codified the  
23 foundation of the overall conspiracy. To wit, after admitting that she  
24 'hated' being at the principal Defendant's headquarters, which confirmed the  
25 Plaintiff's suspicion that Ms. Hasz was in fact a CAA employee, she proposed  
26 work assignments that would have been obvious to anyone the Plaintiff was not  
27 able to complete simply because of a lack of funds and/or the proper  
28 equipment. This would set up a pattern of the Defendant continually proposing

1 work assignments that never materialized at the expense of real opportunities  
2 while at the same time draining the Plaintiff of financial resources and  
3 cutting off access to his friends, professional associates and even his  
4 attorney.

5 Although initially informal, the relationship was eventually codified  
6 in a 'Submission Release Agreement,' contract that authorized the Defendant  
7 to read a screenplay produced by the Plaintiff for the purposes of deciding  
8 whether it might be sold for production or financed independently on or about  
9 May 18, 2012. The contract, standard in the industry, also gave both parties  
10 a shared first right to any profits derived from any sale and production of  
11 the script with an expiration date of 45 days. As per the reading agreement,  
12 the Defendant was not under any obligation to further represent the Plaintiff  
13 though a subsequent phone call with Mr. Lawson, an employment of the  
14 principal Defendant, revealed that though the Defendant did not have any  
15 interest in selling the Plaintiff's script, the Defendant did wish to  
16 continue working with the Plaintiff on an informal basis, an agreement that,  
17 by definition relieves the Plaintiff of any obligation to the Defendant(s)  
18 based on the 'reserve clause' often invoked by entertainment and professional  
19 sports companies against performer-clients. This is the case, first, because  
20 in the entertainment industry, the rules established by the Screen Actors  
21 Guild, of which the Plaintiff is a former dues paying member, only allow  
22 informal arrangements, sometimes called 'handshake deals,' a term of up to  
23 seven years before automatic expiration. Further, as per Screen Actors Guild  
24 rules, a party like the Plaintiff simply needs to notify a party like the  
25 Defendant that they wish to formally terminate the relationship for any and  
26 all contractual obligations between the two to cease. Indeed, the 'seven-year  
27 rule' for the termination of contracts is so standard in entertainment that  
28 not only does it feature in a sham of a lawsuit between the principal

1 Defendant and United Talent Agency (UTA). One party in that lawsuit is Greg  
 2 Cavic, an employment agent whose career was boosted by the Plaintiff's  
 3 personal selection of him for an article in *The Hollywood Reporter's* 2009  
 4 Next Generation issue, which has an industry reputation for naming the future  
 5 leaders of the entertainment business. At the time, Mr. Cavic was an employee  
 6 of CAA and is now, as a result of his defection, an employee of UTA. In that  
 7 case, the seven-year termination rule mentioned by the Plaintiff as SAG actor  
 8 is used as the basis for justifying the transfer of staff between two members  
 9 of what this case shows to be little more than a petty employment agency  
 10 cartel. [*Creative Artists Agency v. United Talent Agency, Gregory Cavic, &*  
 11 *Gregory McKnight*. No. 123994. Cal Super. Ct.]. Further, to the extent that  
 12 the Plaintiff was required to give notice to the principal Defendant of his  
 13 exit from their business relationship, he did, as is discussed later in this  
 14 complaint, the Plaintiff did.

15 Causes of Action: Commonwealth of Virginia Civil Code § 18.2-22;  
 16 Commonwealth of Virginia Civil Code § 18.2-152.2 Commonwealth of Virginia  
 17 Civil Code § 18.2-152.4; 18 U.S.C. 1030, 1029, 1362, 2511(1), and 2701.

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 19 This has not stopped the Defendant from conspiring to steal  
 20 intellectual property created by the Plaintiff by regularly and repeatedly  
 21 trespassing onto the Plaintiff's computer system(s) with the further intent  
 22 to cause the Plaintiff's death. As established by case law, the Defendant is  
 23 criminally liable for these actions. [*United States v. Agosto-Vega*, 617 F.3d  
 24 541, 552-53 (1st Cir. 2010); *United States v. Singh*, 518 F.3d 236, 249-51  
 25 (4th Cir. 2008); *United States v. Hughes Aircraft Co.*, 20 F.3d 974, 978-80  
 26 (9th Cir. 1994).] While Creative Artists Agency (CAA) is primarily  
 27 responsible for these actions, the Plaintiff argues that the remaining named  
 28 Defendants are indeed co-conspirators who, with knowledge of CAA's actions,

1 stood by in the expectation that the death of the Plaintiff would result in  
2 intellectual property from which they could expect to profit. This further  
3 supports the Plaintiff's claim that the Defendant(s) are guilty of violating  
4 the Sherman Act.

5 The Defendant's trespass of the Plaintiff's computer systems resulted  
6 in costly and irreparable harm. As a result of the principal Defendant's  
7 repeated, intentional, and unauthorized accessing of the Plaintiff's computer  
8 and interference with the Plaintiff's 'possessory interest in the computer  
9 system,' between September 2014 and April 2016, a number of service visits  
10 were required on an eventually defunct MacBook Pro with a direct material  
11 effect on the Plaintiff's grades at Columbia University--for a graduate  
12 program the Plaintiff took out approximately \$36,000 in federal loans to  
13 participate in but, due to the constant harassment of the Defendant(s), was  
14 unable to complete. During August 2016, the Plaintiff suffered lost income  
15 due to the principal Defendant rendering a later laptop, a Lenovo IdeaPad  
16 100S, temporarily completely useless.

17 The vast majority of the interference the Defendant is responsible for  
18 directly impacted the Plaintiff's ability to create and maintain an income  
19 outside of the entertainment industry - in any industry, and especially after  
20 he began a career in international affairs. Within the entertainment  
21 industry, industry-specific literature shows that employment agencies of the  
22 Defendants' ilk have normalized interference in any and all employment  
23 affairs of their clients. This creates a monopoly on a given client's  
24 employment circumstance, which the Plaintiff argues is a fundamental civil  
25 rights violation, especially for someone like the Plaintiff, who had exited  
26 the entertainment industry, began a career and education in another industry  
27 and been explicitly clear that he had no desire to return to the  
28 entertainment industry.

1 For someone who in part makes his career as a writer, a monopoly on  
2 employment is a fundamental civil rights violation, especially when  
3 employment agencies like the Defendant are not actively finding work for  
4 their clients while blocking their attempts at career development. Further,  
5 the fact that to allow the behavior of the Defendant would also create a  
6 monopoly over the Plaintiff's data - that is, anything and everything he had  
7 ever written, whether or not the Defendant had represented his interests in  
8 good faith or sought to pilfer his copyrighted work by backpocketing his  
9 career - creates fundamental questions about whether the structure of the  
10 entertainment industry creates monopolies that were meant to be expressly  
11 prohibited by the Sherman Act. Freeriding, with the expectation that a client  
12 the Defendant disliked would still produce valuable data and/or intellectual  
13 property that could be monetized after a given client's death relates to the  
14 findings of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in *PeopleBrowsr v. Twitter*  
15 [No. CGC-12-526393 (Cal. Super. Ct. Nov. 27, 2012)], and somewhat in  
16 *Craigslist v. 3taps*, creates indentured servitude, if not slavery; freeriding  
17 for creative content creators, blocked from or harassed out of other means of  
18 procuring an income, would ultimately doom them to either serfdom via state  
19 assistance or death, and foreclose the possibility of greater income  
20 generation that indentured servitude implies. At its heart, backpocketing in  
21 the entertainment industry does not suggest that the clients who find  
22 themselves in that unfortunate situation lack market value; quite the  
23 opposite, it suggests that though they have value, companies like the  
24 Defendant have decided to act in bad faith with the hopes of monetizing their  
25 creative works without them downstream. Further, backpocketing raises the  
26 prospect that people unrelated or only tangentially related to the  
27 entertainment industry might find themselves the victim of the Defendant's  
28 industry that feels itself to be as or like the Central Intelligence Agency



1 but without the National Security Act of 1947 to justify actions that  
2 otherwise might be considered illegal. It is worth mentioning that even the  
3 National Security Act does not allow the CIA to get away with whatever it  
4 pleases; just as the Federal Bureau of Investigation is able to bring CIA  
5 officers who have violated the Constitution and the United States Code to  
6 justice, so too should talent agencies who seek to profit from violations of  
7 the law be subject to the civil and criminal penalties imposed by law - from  
8 violations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, the Sherman Act, the Civil  
9 Rights Act, the Espionage Act and other legislation designed to protect the  
10 public interest. Further, 'claims that refusals to deal [by backpocketing a  
11 client] protect 'incentives of companies to innovate and compete, or reduce  
12 'free-riding on [the monopolist's] substantial investment of time, effort,  
13 and expense' presuppose the sufficiency of business justifications that anti-  
14 trust law has yet to accept.' [124 Yale L.J. 867 2014-2015 at 875.]

15 Bollea, too, implicitly relies on the illegal access of data and the  
16 desire of some to create an illicit economy through its access and  
17 distribution. Recall that in *Bollea*, it was necessary for the Court to seize  
18 all of Gawker's data for review so that its culpability in a conspiracy  
19 designed by an employee of an employment agency, employed by a subsidiary of  
20 one of this action's named Defendants, United Talent Agency, and executed by  
21 that agent along with executives of a radio show. The express purpose of both  
22 the illegal access of Bollea's data and the conspiracy that begat his data  
23 was to cause economic and emotional harm to Bollea through 'revenge porn,'  
24 defined by the Virginia Code as the 'malicious dissemination' of stolen  
25 private pornographic material featuring Bollea. It is also notable that  
26 Bollea is now pursuing criminal charges against Gawker Media as is his right  
27 under the rule of lenity.

1 A number of factors caused the relationship between the Plaintiff and  
2 Defendant to lapse, chief among them the Plaintiff's expressed desire to  
3 build a career outside of the entertainment industry. In September 2014, the  
4 Plaintiff took material steps toward that goal by enrolling in the Executive  
5 Master of Public Administration program at Columbia University in the City of  
6 New York. By November of 2014, the Plaintiff was actively involved in a job  
7 search that would eventually, through a personal contact of the Plaintiff who  
8 bore no affiliation to the Defendant, led to a Short Term Consulting contract  
9 with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, commonly  
10 known as either 'The World Bank Group' or the 'World Bank' in Washington, DC.  
11 During this time, neither the Plaintiff nor the Defendant made attempts to  
12 contact each other for any purpose.

13 Like the termination of many largely informal relationships between  
14 employment agencies and their clients, the Plaintiff assumed that the lapse  
15 in communication in the relationship with the Defendant of over three years,  
16 as well as the Plaintiff's publicly stated desire to begin a new career,  
17 would suffice in ending the contractual relationship, in part because the  
18 Plaintiff had long suspected that the Defendant was solely interested in  
19 back-pocketing his career. After a long period of investigation, the  
20 Plaintiff came to believe beyond a reasonable doubt that this was in fact the  
21 case and terminated the relationship formally by sending a certified letter  
22 to that effect, citing the applicable labor laws of the States of New York  
23 and California, where the relationship had been most active, which was  
24 received on July 18, 2016 and signed for by Indra Modula who is employed at  
25 the Defendant's New York office. Because the principal Defendant regularly  
26 claims to be other companies like UTA, and has even claimed to be the CIA  
27 itself, a similar letter of terminating any formal relationship between the  
28 Plaintiff and UTA was sent during August 2016. Further, the Plaintiff also

1 filed a complaint with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity  
2 Commission (EEOC Charge No. 520-2016-02492) which, though it dismissed on the  
3 grounds that evidence of employment discrimination could not be found, 'this  
4 does not certify that Respondent is in compliance with the statutes. No  
5 finding is made to any other issue that might be construed as having been  
6 raised by this charge,' which includes the issues of harassment, the  
7 Defendant's incitement to violence and threats to public security raised by  
8 this pleading.

9 The Defendant, as will be made clear later, has not ceased interference  
10 in the Plaintiff's affairs and insists against all logic that the life story-  
11 based script that constituted the basis for the reading agreement between the  
12 two parties constitutes a 'lifetime contract that [the Defendant] just made  
13 up' because the Plaintiff is 'a black man' who 'studied rhetoric,' is  
14 'legally three-fifths a person' and therefore does not have the right to sue.  
15 Further, the Defendant claims to this day that the only way for the Plaintiff  
16 to exit a 'lifetime contract' is through suicide. This comes despite the  
17 Defendant's employee, Mr. Lawson, having stated in an email to the Plaintiff,  
18 dated, June 26, 2012, that the Plaintiff was a 'non-client.'

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20 The Plaintiff's contract with the World Bank began on March 23, 2015  
21 under Terms of Reference that included primary responsibility for developing  
22 the communications strategy for the Managing Risks for Sustainable  
23 Development and Increased Shared Prosperity Global Solutions Group, a new  
24 global cross-sectional department reporting directly to the Independent  
25 Evaluations Group of the World Bank Group's Board of Directors. The Managing  
26 Risks Global Solutions Group was to help report on global systemic risks like  
27 climate change, financial inclusion, gender equality and other topics that  
28 can and often do lead to violent global conflict. The Plaintiff was

1 particularly suited to lead the global communications strategy for this  
2 department as his undergraduate academic work documenting US-Iranian  
3 diplomacy and continued commentary on international affairs had earned him  
4 not only a sterling academic reputation amongst his peers, but had also been  
5 the reason Columbia University waived admissions requirements for the  
6 Graduate Record Examination for his matriculation. It is important to note  
7 that while the Plaintiff's direct supervisors were assigned to cover the  
8 Latin American and Caribbean region, the Plaintiff was assigned to cover the  
9 Middle East and North Africa region so he could participate in international,  
10 diplomatic, and technical discussions related to the Joint Comprehensive Plan  
11 of Action (JCPOA) as well as trends and globally coordinated work in Fragile  
12 and Conflicted States like Iraq and Syria that would be immediately affected  
13 by the implementation of the JCPOA. In his time at the World Bank, the  
14 Plaintiff was the primary editor of a comprehensive joint report of the World  
15 Bank and the United Nations High Commission on Refugees concerning the Syrian  
16 Civil War's global refugee crisis. The Plaintiff's direct supervisors were,  
17 at no point, party to these discussions.

18 Cause of Action: 42 U.S.C. 1983; 42 U.S.C. 1985(3); 18 U.S.C. 373,  
19 1030, 1029, 1117, 1362, 1831, 1832, 2511(1), and 2701; Commonwealth of  
20 Virginia Civil Code § 18.2-186.3; Commonwealth of Virginia Civil Code §  
21 18.2-386.2

22 It was primarily through violations of 18 U.S.C. 2511(1), 2701, 1029,  
23 and 1362 began that 42 U.S.C. 1983 was also violated. In an incident that  
24 that foreshadowed the Defendant's strategy, on or about the second week of  
25 the Plaintiff's employment with the World Bank, the Plaintiff's personal  
26 computer - which, like many World Bank consultants, he used periodically for  
27 business purposes - was illegally accessed by the Defendant and made to  
28 display pornographic material at full volume. This was the start of a string

1 of incidents in which the Defendant knowingly and illegally violated the  
2 Plaintiff's personal and/or business computers and cellular phone with the  
3 intention of not only destroying his career in international affairs, but  
4 also with the stated intent to cause the Plaintiff to commit suicide.

5 A great deal of the Defendant's violations of 18 U.S.C. stemmed from  
6 the use of location-based unauthorized computer and cell phone access,  
7 primarily through his cellular phone, an iPhone 5c that had been secured for  
8 use by the World Bank Group [*Facebook, Inc. v Power Ventures, Inc.*, 844  
9 F.Supp.2d 1025 (E.D. Cal. 2012)]. Nearly every time the Plaintiff used a taxi  
10 cab, the Defendant would illegally access the Plaintiff's phone. On some  
11 occasions, the Defendant's access would result in the taxi driver being  
12 rerouted from the Plaintiff's stated destination. On others, the Defendant  
13 illegally accessed the car's speakers and would indicate to anyone within  
14 earshot that some catastrophe was about to befall them—for instance, that  
15 passersby should run because an armed person was approaching with the  
16 intention to harm them. Pedestrians would then run, fleeing imaginary  
17 bullets. Given that this transpired in Washington, DC, the Plaintiff would  
18 hold that the Defendant was, in effect, shouting 'Fire' in a crowded theatre  
19 (*Schenck vs. United States*).

20 Demonstrating the further applicability of *Schenck*, in a particularly  
21 heinous incident at the intersection of Broadway and 58<sup>th</sup> Street on July 20,  
22 2016, the Defendant was responsible for the breach of New York Police  
23 Department radio equipment in which the Defendant tried to encourage the NYPD  
24 to use lethal force against the Plaintiff in lieu of him being sent by  
25 ambulance to Mount Sinai Roosevelt Emergency Department. At the time, the  
26 Defendant kept trying to encourage to everyone present that they were all  
27 participants on a kind of reality television set, and that they had specific  
28 replies as per a kind of scripted drama. The Defendant was repeatedly heard

1 saying 'Your next line is' before every juncture at which someone might  
2 object to what was unfolding. The Defendant was also heard saying, 'I'm going  
3 on television and you'll be dead!'

4 *Schenck vs. United States* also holds several other parallels to the  
5 present case. First, the Defendant has made clear that the intended result of  
6 their actions would end in multiple crimes, chief amongst them intellectual  
7 property theft and if not the encouragement to suicide, then certainly murder  
8 by a third party. Second, the Defendant has likely violated the Espionage Act  
9 of 1917 by conspiring to punish a former World Bank consultant, who is by  
10 definition a representative of the United States Government under the Bretton  
11 Woods Agreement and the Articles of Agreement respecting the International  
12 Bank for Reconstruction and Development, for having done his job in  
13 supporting the foreign policy of the United States—especially if the  
14 Defendant and its employees were operating as agents of a foreign state,  
15 which on several documented occasions they claimed to be. Finally, *Schenck*  
16 required that the judiciary provide relief so to alleviate the 'clear and  
17 present danger to bring about evils which Congress has a right to prevent'  
18 posed by the Defendant. While the Plaintiff recognizes that it is the State's  
19 function to render punishment under the Espionage Act of 1917, the Plaintiff  
20 raises this issue now to highlight the seriousness of the Defendant's actions  
21 and underscore the need for judicial relief. Further, 'the rule of lenity  
22 applies here because conduct in a civil case under the relevant provision of  
23 CFAA would also be a criminal violation [*United States v Nosal*, 676 F.3d 854  
24 (9th Cir. 2012)]. It bears mentioning that in international affairs the kind  
25 of behavior exhibited by the Defendants would be a matter of national  
26 counterintelligence that would engender a defensive reply, perhaps not in a  
27 civilian court of law, by the FBI at least, and quite possibly by the CIA,  
28 Department of State, and Department of Defense, amongst others. Because the

1 Plaintiff was a consultant to the World Bank, he reported the security  
2 threats posed by the Defendant(s) to World Bank Corporate Security. For  
3 Americans working at the World Bank, that requires a direct report be made to  
4 the Department of State and the Diplomatic Security Service.

5 Cause of Action: Violation of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment; 42 U.S.C. 1983; 42  
6 U.S.C. 1985(3)

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8 Violations of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment and 42 U.S.C. 1983 comprise the great  
9 majority of the Plaintiff's complaint against the Defendant. *Cort v. Ash* [422  
10 U.S. 66 (1975)] established a four-part test for determining whether a  
11 plaintiff could sue under 42 U.S.C. 1983. In essence, plaintiffs must prove  
12 that Congress intended for there to be a private remedy to a private problem  
13 for members of the class for which the Act of Congress provides for, so long  
14 as the right to sue is consistent with the statute's purpose and the issue to  
15 hand is a federal, and not state, matter.

16 In the case before the Court today, the Plaintiff alleges that the  
17 Defendant violated his right to privacy through violations of the Computer  
18 Fraud and Abuse Act and by making deliberately false representations to  
19 employers and educators the Plaintiff had or sought to build relationships  
20 with so as to cause harm to the Plaintiff.

21 The Defendant's actions also included spreading rumors about the  
22 Plaintiff to the effect that he is a child molester, a registered sex  
23 offender, and a terrorist. The location-based harassment suffered by the  
24 Plaintiff extends to the Defendant routinely hacking speakers in the vicinity  
25 of the Plaintiff, across New York City and even while the Plaintiff was  
26 visiting his alma mater as an alumni speaker at Bates College in Lewiston,  
27 Maine. None of these statements are true; all of them are damaging to the  
28 Plaintiff's reputation as an international affairs consultant, respected

1 enough on matters of national and international security to be followed on  
2 Twitter by Canada's Joint Delegation to NATO as recently as September 13,  
3 2016.

4 The Defendant has also violated U.S.C. 1985(3), which the United States  
5 Supreme Court has narrowly construed to apply to cases involving private  
6 parties who discriminate against minority groups by seeking to either  
7 restrict their travel or force them into involuntary servitude. The Plaintiff  
8 holds that the Defendant is guilty of both. The first example of this stems  
9 from the Plaintiff's time at the World Bank when the Plaintiff was required  
10 to travel to Clermont-Ferrand, France to participate in a conference co-  
11 sponsored by the Governments of France and the United Kingdom. The Defendant  
12 was originally scheduled to depart for France on June 1, 2015 at 3:25 PM from  
13 Washington Dulles International Airport. Due to the Defendant's interference,  
14 largely in the form of illegal computer access, the Plaintiff was not only  
15 detained by the Washington, DC Metropolitan Police Department but employees  
16 of the Defendant visited the precinct where the Plaintiff was being held and  
17 held discussions with the officers on duty. At that time, the Defendants  
18 stated that it was their intention to steal a work of creative fiction the  
19 Plaintiff was working on in his spare time. Needless to say, the Plaintiff  
20 was quickly released from custody but missed his flight to France and had to  
21 be rebooked, at taxpayer expense, on another flight the following day.

22 On August 20, 2016, as the Plaintiff prepared to travel to Lewiston,  
23 Maine to give a speech about his career in international affairs to incoming  
24 students at his alma mater, Bates College, the principal Defendant repeatedly  
25 harassed the Plaintiff through illegal access to his cellular phone, claiming  
26 that the trip had been cancelled, that the Plaintiff was no longer wanted as  
27 a presenter, that the Plaintiff was a wanted terrorist on the No Fly List who  
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1 should stay home, and that should the Plaintiff board his flight, which he  
2 did, that the plane would be shot down or explode.

3 The Defendant has also sought to interfere with the Plaintiff's  
4 matriculation to law school at Birkbeck, University of London. The  
5 Defendant's recent statements against the Plaintiff all fall within the  
6 Supreme Court's interpretation of 1985(3) in that they seek to place  
7 unconstitutional limits on the Plaintiff's travel, stating almost daily that  
8 the Plaintiff either has 'to move back to California or kill [him]self.'  
9 Other recent statements include phrases like: 'You're not going back to  
10 California because you're only three-fifths a person,' a reference that makes  
11 clear the racial intent behind the Defendant's unconstitutional actions and  
12 holds parallel to the Supreme Court's decision in Griffin vs. Breckenridge  
13 which established the use of 1985(3) for claims related to travel.

14 Insofar as the Defendant is in violation of 1985(3)'s coverage of  
15 involuntary servitude, the Defendant's daily illegal accessing of the  
16 Plaintiff's cellular phone allows the Defendant to claim that while some of  
17 the creative works the Plaintiff submitted to the Defendant at one time are  
18 of high quality, the Defendant 'does not want [the Plaintiff] to profit from  
19 them—which is why you have to kill yourself.' Considering that the Plaintiff  
20 entered into reading agreement with the Defendant at one time in good faith,  
21 the Plaintiff would hold that the Defendant's insistence that works of  
22 creative value should only net the Defendant a profit constitutes a form of  
23 involuntary servitude. That is, by stating almost daily that the Plaintiff  
24 'needs to get writing' on creative works that the Defendant is actively  
25 trying to prohibit the Plaintiff from profiting from, the Plaintiff is  
26 essentially trying to engage in a racialized form of involuntary servitude  
27 cum murder.

1        This involuntary servitude has a sexual component. A significant amount  
2 of time has been spent harassing the Plaintiff, a gay man, whenever he  
3 attempts to build a constructive, romantic relationship. At the same time,  
4 the Plaintiff's use of location-based romantic dating apps consistently  
5 redirected the Plaintiff to sexual encounters with people like the  
6 aforementioned associate of the Defendant who stated 'We are going to enjoy  
7 killing you.' Further, when the Plaintiff made it clear that he not only was  
8 going to exit the entertainment industry and begin study at Columbia  
9 University, the Plaintiff was recommended to 'pursue both' a career in  
10 international affairs and in pornography and/or sex work in repeated contact  
11 with the Defendants and their associates.

12        The Defendant's use of illegal means to access the Plaintiff's cellular  
13 phone and computer has resulted in significant property damage. The  
14 Plaintiff's MacBook Pro was hacked to the point of hard drive failure not  
15 once, but twice—the second time while the Plaintiff was preparing a journal  
16 article for publication in the *Columbia University Journal of International*  
17 *Affairs* concerning the Islamic State. The Defendant's actions had a chilling  
18 effect on the Plaintiff's career development: professionals like the  
19 Plaintiff depend on journal articles in esteemed, peer reviewed journals like  
20 the *Journal of International Affairs* to not only contribute to the common  
21 defense of American liberty but also to advance their academic and  
22 professional careers. Further, one paid journal article begets another; as  
23 this was the Plaintiff's first journal article, the fact that the Defendant  
24 went to extraordinary lengths to make sure it did not get published had a  
25 material effect on the Plaintiff's ability to procure a stable income.

26        This fit with an established pattern of behavior in which the Defendant  
27 sought to undermine the Plaintiff's education at Columbia University. This  
28 included finding ways to prevent the Plaintiff from taking advantage of the

1 ability to cross-register for courses at other Columbia University graduate  
2 schools, as the Defendant did when the Plaintiff, then a part-time employee  
3 of Columbia Law School who had received approval to take Law and Development  
4 from the course's professor, found his cross-registration denied. The  
5 Plaintiff was the only part-time student in the Executive MPA program to have  
6 his cross-registration at Columbia Law School denied. Having long suspected  
7 that the Defendant had lied to Columbia University administrators about  
8 representing the Plaintiff, the Plaintiff was not surprised that a  
9 confrontation with one of the deans of the School of International and Public  
10 Affairs yielded a reply confirming that, in fact, University administrators  
11 had allowed the Defendant to interfere with the Plaintiff's education,  
12 thereby violating his civil rights.

13 As of September 2016, not only has the primary person responsible for  
14 blocking the Plaintiff's right to an education been removed from the School  
15 of International and Public Affairs, so too have officials bribed by the  
16 Defendant at the World Bank with book deals in exchange for blocking the  
17 continued employment of the Plaintiff.

18 Cause of Action: Intentional Infliction Emotional Distress, 280 Va. 670  
19 (1989).

20 It is important to remember that while the Commonwealth of Virginia  
21 places tight limits on torts for the intentional infliction of emotional  
22 distress, the bulk of the emotional distress the principal Defendant placed  
23 on the Plaintiff occurred while the Plaintiff was working for the World Bank  
24 in a position that had a material effect on global and national security.  
25 Thus, the Defendant's conduct is both intentional and reckless on a scale  
26 hard to fathom outside of a terrorist act.

27 Further, the continued daily harassment of the Plaintiff by the  
28 Defendant, which grows more and more violent each day, is outrageous and

1 intolerable. The following is a list of the Defendant's statements documented  
2 by the Plaintiff on August 14, 2016 at 6:00 AM.

3 'This is about white supremacy.'

4 'He's writing everything down. He still hasn't learned his lesson from  
5 Stephen Galloway.'

6 Stephen Galloway is the Plaintiff's former manager from *The Hollywood*  
7 *Reporter* who objected to the Plaintiff documenting workplaces abuses by  
8 senior managers which formed the basis of a wrongful termination suit  
9 [*Periera v. The Hollywood Reporter*, Los Angeles, California Superior Court  
10 Case BC459054] that was settled in mediation.

11 Further Statements on August 14, 2016 following those above include:

12 'What if we use some sound effects and scramble our voices?'

13 'You may not want to be president, but your Dad does, which means you  
14 do, and [unintelligible]... you believe everything we say.'

15 'This is about preventing another black president.'

16 'Semper Fi! Swear loyalty to Creative Artists [Agency]!'

17 'Oh my God, we're just trying to have fun with you. Speaking of which,  
18 why don't you just kill yourself?'

19 'This is what you get because you don't know when to commit suicide,  
20 Fabio.'

21 'You studied rhetoric, Fabio. I know, come on, it's funny. That's what  
22 we're killing you with.'

23 'You still haven't learned your lesson from Stephen Galloway, which is  
24 that you're still writing things down.'

25 On a nearly daily basis, the Defendant's executives illegally access  
26 the Plaintiff's cellular phone and computer to ask sardonically, 'Why did you  
27 have to go and make such a big deal out of yourself,' followed by statements  
28 that confirm their displeasure at 'having clients more powerful' than they

1 are, a direct reference to the Plaintiff's former position at the World Bank.  
2 Further references are made to 'taking away' the Plaintiff's account at the  
3 Bank-Fund Staff Federal Credit Union 'because he doesn't deserve it' and  
4 numerous statements have been made on multiple occasions that the Defendant  
5 has illegally accessed World Bank and Bank-Fund Staff Federal Credit Union  
6 servers to thwart the regular operation of the Plaintiff's credit union  
7 account.

8 On a similarly routine basis, the Defendant asks the Plaintiff to  
9 'swear [his] loyalty] to Creative Artists,' and shouts 'Semper Fi! Long live  
10 Creative Artists.' The daily verbal attacks, all through illegally accessed  
11 computers and cell phones, include pointed references to putting the  
12 Plaintiff's family through the same treatment with the same desired outcome:  
13 suicide. 'You're no good, your whole family has to go,' is a frequent  
14 statement endured by the Plaintiff.

15 On a separate occasion, a representative and/or associate of the  
16 Defendant told the Plaintiff point blank, 'We are going to enjoy killing you'  
17 and 'This is for what you did to Israel,' implying that the Plaintiff's work  
18 in supporting the foreign policy of the United States was somehow deserving  
19 of 'punishment' for 'not bowing to Israeli supremacy' and 'not swearing an  
20 oath of loyalty to Israel.' The Defendant has repeatedly claimed that its  
21 behavior constitutes a 'price-tag attack.' In doing so, the Defendant has  
22 claimed, in various locations and at various times, that it is the CIA, the  
23 FBI, NYPD and various other companies and institutions. Claims of being the  
24 CIA or representing itself as the Director of Central Intelligence has  
25 stopped as of September 9, 2016 when the phrase 'CAA's DCI' began replacing  
26 the earlier claim.

27 Given that the Defendant admits their objective is to kill the  
28 Plaintiff, even if that method is by 'forcing' the Plaintiff to commit

1 suicide, the Plaintiff believes that, at a minimum, the State's interest in  
2 preventing the suicide of its citizens, further supported by the fact that  
3 every state in the Union makes it a felony to encourage someone to commit  
4 suicide, proves the Defendant's intent to inflict emotional distress, if not  
5 actual harm.

6       These, however, are not the worst statements repeatedly made by the  
7 Defendant. At regular intervals, employees of the Defendant have used illegal  
8 cellular phone and computer access to spread rumors that the Plaintiff  
9 constitutes a threat to the State. On September 2, 2016, the Defendant stated  
10 that rather than cease their actions, the solution would be found through the  
11 institution of 'a new federal government.'

12       Further, the Defendant is clearly motivated by an intent to cause  
13 emotional distress over its executive's displeasure with the JCPOA and the  
14 Plaintiff's limited involvement in its implementation as part of the World  
15 Bank's Managing Risks Global Solutions Group. The thinking behind the  
16 Defendant's statements goes like this: The Plaintiff did work related to  
17 Iran, and Iran is bent on the destruction of the United States and Israel,  
18 ergo the Plaintiff is an Iranian agent bent on the destruction of the United  
19 States and Israel. The logical fallacy in this false syllogism is obvious,  
20 considering the support of the Israel Defense Force's support of the JCPOA,  
21 the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action having established greater diplomatic  
22 ties between the US and Iran, that matters between the United States and Iran  
23 have been adjudicated by the US-Iran Claims Tribunal since April 19, 1981,  
24 that the First Amendment protects the Plaintiff's right to research and  
25 publish on matters of diplomacy - especially when doing so was part of his  
26 job at the World Bank.

27       Due to the malicious actions of the Defendant, the extension of the  
28 Plaintiff's contract, valued at approximately \$45,750 per 150 days or \$79,605

1 per working year, with the World Bank was terminated early. The Defendant's  
2 actions also included bribing World Bank officials to induce them not to hire  
3 the Plaintiff in other departments. In addition to the chilling effect the  
4 Defendant's interference with the publication of a national security-related  
5 journal article at Columbia University, the Plaintiff's early termination  
6 from his role at the World Bank had the effect of making him persona non  
7 grata to many major employers who otherwise might have been happy to have  
8 him. Further, the Plaintiff was subject to anti-corruption clauses that  
9 constituted part of his World Bank contract and prevented him from taking  
10 employment with other firms in similar fields that he ordinarily would have  
11 been inclined to work for.

12 Further, having been in large part for the Defendant's withdrawal from  
13 Columbia University, for which the Plaintiff is almost \$36,000 in debt, the  
14 Plaintiff expects to suffer future income losses that he would have had  
15 without the Defendant's interference, namely those derived from graduating  
16 from an Ivy League university into a career with the World Bank that would  
17 have averaged somewhere in the vicinity of \$150,000 per year.

18 This case, however, is not solely about employment; were that the case,  
19 it would have been filed in state courts under applicable laws. This case is  
20 about the Defendant's aggravated racist behavior and actions against the  
21 Plaintiff for no other reason than the Plaintiff's desire to fulfill his  
22 obligations by supporting the stated foreign policy of the United States of  
23 America. This case rests on the presumption that knowingly intervening, by  
24 way of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, in the work of someone who could be  
25 characterized under color of law as an agent of the State, by someone who is  
26 not, for no other purpose than to harass him/her to commit suicide is a  
27 fundamental violation of what the Supreme Court has held in both the 1983 and  
28 1985(3) statutes, at bare minimum. Further, even as a private party not

1 characterized as an agent of state, the Defendant's actions are illegal under  
2 current federal law, especially as the Plaintiff has made every effort to  
3 respectfully terminate the relationship by formal means.

4 In the present case, the Plaintiff, though he has reason to suspect the  
5 Defendant's motives based on its pattern of self-attributed hostile  
6 statements, has nonetheless paid the Defendant the courtesy of following the  
7 more formal requirements of California law regarding the termination of  
8 employment agencies it terms 'talent agencies,' by sending a certified letter  
9 to that effect to the New York offices of CAA. Nonetheless, the Defendant's  
10 illegal attacks on the Plaintiff have continued and have been extended to  
11 threaten the lives of his immediate family.

#### 12 13 Remedies Sought

14 In Bollea v. Gawker Media, a parallel case in many ways, the Court  
15 found for the Plaintiff in the amount of \$140.1 million. Given that the case  
16 before the Court involves matters of national security with market values in  
17 excess of \$200 billion, the Plaintiff asks the Court to use the judgment in  
18 this case as an award benchmark.

19 The Plaintiff, Fabio Krishna Periera, seeks a judgment against the  
20 Defendant, Creative Artists Agency and Does 1 through 10, where Does 1  
21 through 10 may be inclusive of executives from International Creative  
22 Management, United Talent Agency, and William Morris Endeavor, as well as  
23 smaller, unnamed talent agencies, as follows:

24 1. For an award of general and special damages in an amount in excess  
25 of the minimal jurisdictional limits of this court in accordance with proof  
26 at trial together with interest thereon at the maximum legal rate;

27 2. For costs of suit incurred herein;  
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1           3. For an Order and Judgment transferring to Plaintiff all of the  
2 Defendant's right, title and interest in and to all data obtained by the  
3 Defendant(s) concerning the Defendant inclusive of any and all video and  
4 audio recordings, written works of any form, computer data, and any and all  
5 computer programs created for the purpose of extracting data from the  
6 Plaintiff and/or any electronic devices in his possession;

7           4. For an Order and Judgment requiring the Defendant to deliver to the  
8 Plaintiff all copies of data requested, in all formats and forms of media  
9 including electronic and physical media, within the Defendant(s)' possession,  
10 custody or control, including without limitation turning over to the  
11 Plaintiff any and all storage devices (such as CDs, DVDs, hard drives,  
12 computers, flash drives, tapes, and discs) containing the same;

13           5. For preliminary and permanent injunction against the Defendants and  
14 all persons acting under their control, from any and all activity that would  
15 cause the distribution, dissemination, publishing, display, posting, or  
16 linking for view or access on or through the Internet or any other media  
17 outlet, broadcasting, transferring, licensing, selling, offering to sell or  
18 license, or otherwise using, exploiting or attempting to exploit, data  
19 concerning the Plaintiff.

20           6. For an Order and Judgment to turn over to Plaintiff all information  
21 pertaining to data obtained by the Defendant, for any purpose, especially  
22 those criminal in nature, including without limitation, all activity by all  
23 persons and entities related to the creation, storage, transport, editing,  
24 distribution, dissemination, posting, or linking for view or access on or  
25 through the Internet or any other media outlet, broadcasting, transferring,  
26 licensing, selling, offering to sell or license, or otherwise using,  
27 exploiting or attempting to exploit, data concerning the Plaintiff;  
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7. For a constructive trust to be placed upon the Defendant(s) and all persons acting on their behalf or under their direction or control, as to all revenues and profits received by any and all such individuals, including the Defendant(s), to be held for the benefit of the Plaintiff, and to be disgorged in their entirety to Plaintiff, in connection with data gathered by the Defendant;

8. For any other and further relief that the Court may deem necessary and proper.

## Demand for Jury Trial

The Plaintiff Fabio Krishna Periera hereby demands a trial by jury on all triable issues.

Dated this [day] of [Month], [year]

  
FABIO KRISHNA PERIERA